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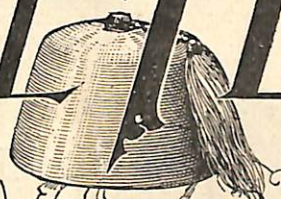

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In the Interests of Freemasonry and the Concordant Orders of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

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HON. ALMON R. DEWEY, GRAND MASTER OF IOWA.

OUR GRAND MASTER.

The Honorable Almon R. Dewey, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa, a resident of Washington, Iowa, now sits in the Grand East of the noblest Masonic Grand Lodge in this country. The bench has supplied most of the timber from which the later Grand Masters have been made. In Judge Dewey we expect a cautious, consistant and able administration. He is so well known to our readers that no extended notice is now necessary. (See this magazine, September, 1895, for a full sketch with portrait.) Judge Dewey has now been elected and installed as the highest officer in every Grand body in Iowa. (Except the O. E. S.) He was Grand High Priest, 1880 and 1881; Grand Commander, 1886, and now Most Worshipful Grand Master.

In the selection of Grand Wardens, the Grand Lodge must certainly have had an eye single to the health of the same at its next meeting in Council Bluffs, during the Trans Mississippi Exposition, for both are practicing physicians.

NOTE.—After the above was in type, we secured the cut of the Grand Master and are pleased to give it once again.—*Editor*.

"GRAN DIETA SYMBOLICA"—MEXICO.

Reasons why the Grand Symbolic Diet (Lodge) of Mexico should be recognized

by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and other American Grand Lodges.

1. It is the only supreme and sovereign Grand Body of Masons, except the "Supreme Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite Degrees 4" 33" in the Republic of Mexico.

2. It has and exercises exclusive jurisdiction over the three Symbolic Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonery.

3. It was duly and legitimately constituted in 1890 by a large majority of the Grand Lodges, and Subordinate Lodges in the states where no Grand Lodge existed at the time.

4. It is upheld actively and vigorously by all the American lodges, of which there are five under its jurisdiction, and the American Masons, of which there are hundreds affiliated with these Lodges; also by all the Mexican Lodges loyal to the faith and practice of English speaking Masons.

5. It has and is doing a great work for Masonry and civil government and the advancement and progress of the Republic, where Masonry is a great factor—President Diaz being prominently at the head of the Institution.

6. The loyal Mexican and all the American Lodges and Masons ask and may reasonably expect to receive such recognition from their American brethren and sister Grand Lodges of the Republic of the United States.

7. It has by positive law, in the new "Constitution and Code of Statutes" promulgated in August, 1895, discontinued, eliminated and forbid the practice of "irregularities and departure" from the usage, customs and laws of American Masonry, viz: the introduction (in three only of the Grand Lodges) of women Masonry and the substituting (in all) of the Book of Constitutions in place of the Great Light, and is now in these as in other matters in harmony both in law and usage with the Grand Lodges of the United States and English speaking people.

8. It has proved its sincerity in all this through two full years of "probation," since 1895, and successful practice and made its honesty and consistency more apparent by promptly dealing with the opposition to this "new departure" by expelling the Lodges (Grand and Subordinate) and the obnoxious Masons (Grand officers and brethern of the Lodges) who have refused to conform to and obey the new statutes.

9. The Grand Lodges and Masons of the United States and of the world are interested and should aid in the work of establishing a permanent government for this country (Mexico.)

10. While the granting or the withholding of such recognition on the part of this or other Grand Lodges will not confer any additional right or privelege upon the Masons in Mexico, this moral aid and support will materially aid and strengthen the Grand Dieta in its dealings with the recalcitrant Grand and Subordinate Lodges that have with drawn because of the legislation referred to in 8, and encourage it to "persevere in well doing."

Surely these are considerations strong and effective enough to justify the act on the part of the Grand Lodge which has ever been ready to promote the cause in all lands and among all brethern.

COMMANDERIES.

The Sir Knights of the Commanderies at Harlan, Stuart, Newton, Audubon and Atantic, united in Assension Services at the latter place.—From daily papers.

Up to the time of writing this item (June 4th) no word has reached us of the plans of the Grand Commander for Festal Week. The time is near at hand.

A streak of good fortune has come to Patmos Commandery No. 27 of Marion. They have some eight or ten candidates receiving or to receive the Orders. Nearly all are from Mt. Vernon.

THE LODGES.

One of the greatest difficulties that lodges have to contend with is the collection of dues so as to carry on the working expenses. While our duty to a brother in distress cannot be denied, the duty of a brother to himself is one that no brother has a right to forget in the days of his prosperity.—*Freemason's Chronicle.*

Dr. Chase, late of Denver, formerly of this state has returned and will reside in Grinnell. He is with the Equitable Life of Waterloo.

In Indiana the Grand Master ruled that it was not lawful for a subordinate lodge to enact by-laws fixing stated sums as sick benefits, holding it to be contrary to the general plan of Freemasonry.

We are indebted to Brother Newton R. Parvin for the favor of a synopsis of the Grand Lodge business. He kindly offered to supply it for us.

The new lodge at Farley is reported in a wonderfully prosperous condition. Work on hand ever since they were instituted. The course of the brethern at Farley has been justified by the events.

We would hail with pleasure a reversal of the ballot business, a majority to join and a unanimous vote to exclude. Heh?

MISSISSIPPI IS RIGHT.

The following resolution, adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, should be followed by every Grand Jurisdiction in this country,

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the prerogative of making a Mason at sight does not exist by virtue of any landmark or ancient regulation, and is not conferred by the constitution or laws of this Grand Lodge."—*Constellation.*

GRAND LODGE.

Being unable to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge this year, we are compelled to omit our usual full transcript of its open proceedings. We hope to give a more extended notice next month. The meeting was held at Oskaloosa, on June 1, 2, 3. and was preceded by the usual three days School conducted by the Custodians. The election of Grand Officers resulted in the choice of Hon. A. R. Dewey, of Washington, for Grand Master; Dr. A. A. Hugg, of Oskaloosa, for Senior Grand Warden; Dr. G. W. Baldwin of Ruthven, for Junior Grand Warden; (Of course) Dr. Theodore Sutton Parvin, the old man incomparable, for Grand Secretary; C. H. Slocum, of Primghar, for Grand Treasurer. The session is said to have been the largest in the history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The next annual Communication will be held at Council Bluffs.

A new Webster's Internal Dictionary for sale—$7 and express from Chicago. Address the editor, Marion. tf

OUR BOOK TABLE.

The Midland Monthly for June shows the same high order of contents as usual. The "Quantrell" raids so well known in Missouri and Kansas, "June days at Cape May" and numerous other good things are given.—Des Moines, Iowa.

From A. V. Holmes, Pittsburg, comes the catalogue of the Masonic Library Association of Allegheny County, Pa.

Geo. W. Barnard, please accept thanks for usual invoice of good things.

Proceedings of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 1896, from G. R. G. Thos. Leahy, Rochester N. Y., with the memorabilia of the history and degrees accompanying it makes an interesting pamphlet.

From Camp W. H. Mayo—official proceeding of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Missouri, 1897.

By-laws, officers, and membership of Syria Temple N. M. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., neatly bound in cloth is at hand. Well worth attention too.

Two copies of the proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, of Pennsylvania for 1896 have been received. M. E. Grand Secretary Cary sent one; thanks.

THE EASTERN STAR.

CROWDED OUT.

Through no fault of the editor, two live communications, one from Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, by sisters Jackson, Carter and McMillen and the other from Lemars, were crowded out. Both are valuable but now that they have been left out we wish to promise a close watch upon the "old copy" as that was where the rub came from.

While we are reducing the price of this journal temporarily, ONE HALF, we can only promise to use the briefest items in each department. Sorry, but these be hard times.

Items paying high regard to Father Schreiner have been received from Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs and Emblem Chapter, Corning.

Bro. P. A. G. P. Salts of Corning has our thanks for his kind words and brotherly acts.

Invitations have been received to attend the Grand Chapters of Washington and Oregon.

The black-balling fiend does not spare even this branch of the institution. We know of one chapter where SIX candidates in succession have been rejected. Does anyone think that things are straight there?

A two-thirds ballot elects an applicant on demit according to our Iowa Constitution; but it is contrary to the Ritual, which provides for a unanimous ballot.

Bro. Rice in the "Masonic Advocate well says that the item in the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" is a senseless squib —no matter whether written by a P. G. M. or a P. D. Q. Stars may read it:—"Petticoat Masonry" has a great swing in Illinois, so much so that many Lodges join with Chapters of the Eastern Star and have public installations together Why not take theminto the Lodges and be done with it? What matters a little thing like a landmark or an O. B?"

[By the way, won't somebody rise up and tell us what the landmarks are?]

The Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Rathbun visited Marion and Cedar Rapids Chapters June 7th and 8th, and informed us that she has been out over five weeks visiting and inspecting.

OUR NEW TEMPLE.

GRACE UNTO IT.

THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW TEMPLE IN THIS CITY WILL BE LAID JUNE 24TH, 1897, (ST. JOHN'S DAY) UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The ceremonies will be conducted by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, of Iowa. The Grand Lodge will convene and be opened in ample form. in the Masonic Library building at 2:30 P. M. sharp.

The procession will form at same hour in front of Library building, and will be escorted by Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T. and visiting Knights to the location of the new Temple building at foot of First Avenue, corner of First Street, where the Masonic ceremonies will take place promptly at 3:30 o'clock in accordance with the following

PROGRAM.

Music by band. Invocation by Grand Chaplain. Music, quartette. Ceremonies, laying of corner stone by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. Reading contents of stone. Music by band. Brief addresses will be delivered by Brothers A. R. Dewey, M. W. G. M., Washington; W. S. Eaton, P. D. G. M., Osage; T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, J. T. Hamilton of Cedar Rapids. Music by band. Benediction.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

WILL OTHERS FOLLOW?

Moslem Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Detroit, Michigan, unanimously passed a resolution barring the use of wines or liquors at any banquet or entertainment given in its name. Now let us hear from other Temples. Don't all speak at once, but get in the procession; and we trust Moolah Temple, of St. Louis, will be well toward the front.—"Constellation."

Will Bro. Rickart please understand that "there are others." Zuhrah Temple, Minneapolis has been first on the "dry side" for years. Kaaba, Davenport, is a good second, and El Kahir of Cedar Rapids has had the rule on record since 1895, and in practice since with one exception.

REPEALED.

We are glad to announce that the obnoxious Imperial Certificate is no more, and that the Passport of our Temple is the only needful thing in visiting.

READ THIS.

Resolved: That no Noble be eligible to visit any other Temple but his own, except upon producing to the Temple which he desires to visit, a certificate of dues paid to December 31 of the year preceding the date of his visit.

Resolved: That it shall be deemed a violation of good faith for any Temple to allow a member of any other Temple to visit it except upon the production of this certificate. IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

We note with pleasure that Mrs. C. W. Eaton has been spending a pleasant season in the far south. The excursion "To Morris Retreat" was among the crowded out matter of last month.

ENTERED THE UNSEEN.

CHARLES GOETZMAN.

We chronicle with sorrow the news that Noble Charles Goetzman, late of Boone, passed away in death Jan. 17, 1897. Notice reached us May 12.

S. F. FARNHAM.

A telegram read to us on May 26th, announced that the black camel had knelt before this noble that morning in Chicago. The sorrowing family have our sympathy as well as that of thirteen hundred and fifty El Kahir Nobles.

Es Selamu Aleikum!

JOSEPH S. WRIGHT.

This well known Noble and Past Imperial Officer died at Denver, Col. May 26th, 1897. Lul Lu Temple held memorial services June 4th, 1897.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

The sessions at Detroit June 8–10 were more largely attended than even at Nantasket in 1895. The Detroit Nobles have covered themselves with glory and the nobility have more nearly lived on water than at any session in our memory.

——— OR TEXAS?

The next session will be held at Dallas, Texas, June 14, 1898.

OFFICERS.

A. B. McGaffey, Denver, Imperial Potentate; E. F. Allen, Kansas City, Deputy; John H. Atwood, Leavenworth, Kansas, Chief Rabban; Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, Michigan, Assistant; P. C. Shaffer, Philadelphia, High Priest; H. C. Atkin, Omaha; Oriental Guide; W. S. Brown, Pittsburg, Treasurer; B. W. Rowell, Boston, Recorder; Allen Andrews, Hamilton, Ohio, First Ceremonial Master; Geo. H. Green, Dallas, Texas, Second; Geo. L. Brown, Buffalo, Marshal; Thad B. Beecher, Captain of the Guard; A. N. Sloan, Chatanooga, Outer Guard.

Of the legislation we shall have to write next month.

Any one wanting a couple of high grade bicycles—Monarch or Ben Hur—at a bargain may write the editor, Marion. tf

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, MAY, 1897.

GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Council Bluffs, June 7, 1898.

A. R. DEWEY	Washington	GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Lincoln, June 16, 1897.

HENRY H. WILSON	Lincoln	GRAND MASTER
Wm. R Bowen	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 8, 1897.

JAMES LEWIS	Canton	GRAND MASTER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa, Spirit Lake, July 22, 1897.

MAX. BEEHLER	Manchester	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Secretary

Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 17, 1897.

		GRAND HIGH PRIEST
George J. Spohn		Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Mitchell, Juue 10, 1897.

GEO. V. AYERS	Deadwood	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 12, 1897.

T. R. ERCANBRACK	Anamosa	GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorde

Nebraska, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

		GRAND COMMANDER
Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha	Grand Recorder

South Dakota, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

J. J. CASSELMAN	Huron	GRAND COMMANDER
Geo. A. Pettigrew	Flandreau	Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) 1898.
Iowa, Cherokee, Oct. 27, 1897.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH	Newton	GRAND MATRON
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Recorder

Nebraska, Omaha, June 22, 1897.

MRS. HELEN H. STIRES	Columbus	GRAND MATRON
Rev. A. G. Pinkham	Grand Island	Grand Patron
Dr. Eleanor Dailey	Omaha	Grand Secretary

South Dakota, Sioux Falls, May 25, 1897.

MRS. W. H. RODDLE	Brookings	GRAND MATRON
M. G. Carlisle	De Smet	Grand Patrrn
Mrs. A. M. McCallister	Madison	Grand Secretay

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich., June 8-9, 1897.
El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN D. BROWN	Manchester	POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger	Marion	Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.

GEO. F. WHITE	Davenport	POTENTATE
C. J. Brown	Davenport	Recorder

Tangier Temple, Omaha, Nebraska.

H. HARDY	Omaha	POTENTATE
Louis E. Wettling	Box 523, Omaha	Recorder

Sesostris Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DeF. E GREEN	Lincoln	POTENTATE
Jno. A. Ames	(Box 1440) Lincoln	Recorder

El Riad Temple, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A. B. KITTEREDGE	Sioux Falls	POTENTATE
Eugene Saenger	Sioux Falls	Recorder

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, JUNE 9, 1897.

FREEMASON AND FEZ:

In compliance with the request of Bro. Geiger, I send you herewith a brief synopsis of the doings of the Grand Lodge, which I trust will answer your purpose. I have been exceedingly busy since my return and had but little time to give to the preparation of anything of the kind, but trust it may be satisfactory.

Fraternally Yours,
N. R. PARVIN.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

The School of Instruction preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge held by the Board of Custodians, Bros. Van Saun, Granger and Allen, was well attended during the three days of its session, the enrollment reaching 496, the largest ever known. The evening work was on actual candidates, the attendance numbering at times close to 500. The new Stereoptican being used in connection with the lectures adding much interest to the work.

The brethern were delighted with the elegant quarters of Triluminar Lodge No. 18, the same being among the finest and most commodious in the state.

The ladies of Oskaloosa Chapter, No. 146 O. E. S. served the members with meals during the session in the Lodge rooms, which adjoin the opera house, and received many compliments for the manner in which they served the large number of visitors during the session of Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge held its 54th Annual Communication in Oskaloosa, June 1–3, forty years having passed since the Grand Lodge met in that city. The sessions were held in the opera house owned by the Masonic Fraternity of that city and were largely attended, only thirty-nine lodges in Iowa not being represented; the attendance numbered about 650. All the Grand Officers save one, being present, and more than the usual number of Past Grand Officers reporting. When Grand Master Ball sounded the gavel Tuesday morning the opera house was well filed with delegates, while the number of visitors in the gallery was not far from one hundred. The quartette from the Congregational Church, consisting of Miss Edith Colwell, soprano; Mrs. C. H. Hare, contralto; Mr. George Greasby, tenor; Dr. C. H. Hare, bass, with Mrs. Belle C. Ray, accompanist, favored the members with a selection, after which they retired and the Grand Master with the assistance of his Grand Officers proceeded to open the Grand Lodge in ample form.

The reports of the Grand Officers et al, were presented in printed form, covering that of Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Librarian, Grand Treasurer, Trustees Grand Charity Fund, Foreign Correspondence and paper on Mexican Masonry.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1897.

On Credentials—G. Baldwin, 487; M. R. Ansbach, 140; J. E. Penniwell, 78.

Lodges under Dispensation—L. J. Baker, 16; W. F. Fidlar, 37; Almor Stern, 420.

On Chartered Lodges—Sumner Miller, 147; F. W. Chase, 102; P. A. Smith, 402.

On Grand Master's Address—T. B. Lacey, 71; J. L. Farrington, 192; C. F. Kuehnle, 507.

Appeals and Grievances—A. R. Dewey, 26; R. M. Hunter, 390; J. H. Trewin, 144.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—L. C. Blanchard, 18; Crom Bowen, 110; C. W. Neal, 304.

On Finance—C. H. Slocum, 496; F. H. Loring, 18; S. C. Dunn, 37.

On Mileage and Per Diem—W. L. Ehlers, 474; G. Sinclair, 508; C. D. Becker, 105.

On Grand Lodge Library—L. E. Fellows, 144.

On Fraternal Correspondance—J. C. W. Coxe, 26.

Fraternal Dead—D. W. Clements, 69; F. E. Brush, 4; S. W. Wakefield, 12.

Trustees Grand Charity Fund—Chairman, E. C. Blackmar, P. G. M., 318.

Treasurer, R. G. Phelps, P. G, M. 271.

Secretary, J. D. Gamble, P. G. M., 61.

SYNOPSIS.

The special committee appointed at last session of Grand Lodge on the subject of Amendments to the Code relating directly to "Dimits" presented their report asking leave to withdraw the first plan proposed, which was granted. They submitted a supplemental report on the law of Dimits, which was presented and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence with instructions to report on the afternoon of the first day, "on the constitutionality of the proposed amendments." The committee reported favorable to the same and the amendments were taken up on the second day and the plan as outlined by the committee adopted.

These amendments will be printed in circular form and distributed to the Lodges at an early date.

Special committees were appointed on the death of Grand Tyler Schreiner, Mrs. T. S. Parvin, wife of Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Blanchard, wife of Past Grand Treasurer.

The members of the Grand Lodge were entertained with a very interesting program prepared by the local committee for the evening of the first day, which was followed by an exceedingly pleasant social in the lodge rooms of Triluminar Lodge No. 18.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that "it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that we disapprove the display of Masonic emblems in or about saloons, etc."

Past Grand Master Fellows presented an interesting report on the Grand Lodge Library.

Charters were granted to the following Lodges:

No. 550; Cerulean; Anthon, Woodbury county.

No. 551; Julien; Farley, Dubuque county.

No. 552; Larch; Larchwood, Lyon county.

No. 553; Paradise; Corwith, Hancock county.

The dispensation granted to the new lodge at Clio was continued.

The report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Library Building relative to expenditures connected therewith, as also the report of the committee on printing was unanimously adopted.

Letters were read from Mother Schreiner and from Past Grand Master Abbott extending greetings and congratulations to the members of the Grand Lodge and expressing regret at their inability to be present with the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Geo. B. Van Saun was elected Custodian to succeed himself.

The committee on Chartered Lodges presented a very full report of the work of the lodges during the year.

But few cases of Appeals and Grievances were before the committee, the report of which was adopted.

The matter of appointment of delegates to the International Congress of Grand Lodges to be held in Switzerland in 1898 was referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for consideration. The committee presented their report together with the following resolution which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master and Wardens elect are hereby authorized to appoint delegates, not exceeding three in number, to represent the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the International Congress of the Grand Lodges to be held in Switzerland in 1898, *provided*, that such appointment and attendance shall be without expense to the Grand Lodge of Iowa."

The report of the committee relative to the observance of the Centennial of Washington's death was approved and a special committee of five appointed by the Grand Master, to prepare a plan for the observance of that day.

The report of Committee on Finance relative to the appropriations for the coming year was adopted.

A telegram of sympathy was sent to Bro. R. G. Phelps, Past Grand Master.

The report of Board of Trustees of Grand Charity Fund was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution relative to the recognition of the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa hereby recognizes the Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico as an independent, sovereign Grand Masonic body, exercising sole jurisdiction over the three degrees of ancient craft Masonry in Mexico, and will exchange fraternal courtesies therewith, and further, that all Masons in Mexico hailing from lodges or Grand Lodges not in affiliation with said Gran Dieta Simbolica be denied admission to our lodges."

Council Bluffs was chosen as the place of meeting for June 7th, (first Tuesday) 1898.

Past Grand Master Granger acted as installing officer, assisted by Past Grand Master Blackmar as Grand Marshal, and installed the elected and appointed officers to their appropriate stations as follows:

ELECTED.

M. W. Grand Master, Almon Ralph Dewey, (26) Washington. R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Arthur Allen Hugg, (18)

Oskaloosa. R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Gilbert Baldwin, (487) Ruthven. R. W. Grand Treasurer, Chas. Hox Slocum (496) Primghar. R. W. Grand Secretary, Theodore Sutton Parvin, (2) Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master, D. W. Clements, (69) West Union. R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary, Newton R. Parvin, (4) Cedar Rapids. R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Hackley, (182) Muscatine. W. Grand Marshal, P. C. Egan, (454) Woodward. W. Senior Grand Deacon, S. H. Anderson, (207) Mt. Pleasant. W. Junior Grand Deacon, J. R. Smull, (304) Stuart. W. Senior Grand Steward, E. M. Willard, (271) Atlantic. W. Junior Grand Steward, W. H. McCoy (30) Muscatine. W. Grand Tyler, A. N. Alberson, (26) Washington.

Grand Master Dewey made the following appointments of committeemen:

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence—Crom Bowen, (110) Des Moines; C. W. Neal, (304) Stuart; John L. Stevens (249) Boone.

Washington Memorial Observance, L.C. Blanchard, (18) Oskaloosa. Albert Head, (159) Jefferson. J. H. Trewin, (144) Lansing. J. F. Groat (349) West Side. C. A. Carpenter, (107) Columbus Junction.

Trustees Grand Charity Fund. Trustee, term expires 1898. R. G. Phelps, P. G. M., Treasurer (271) Atlantic. Trustee, term expires 1899, J. D. Gamble, P. G. M., Secretary, (61) Knoxville. Trustee, term expires 1900. E. C. Blackmar, P. G. M., Chairman (318) Burlington.

Committee on Fraternal Correspondance J. C. W. Coxe, D. D. (26) Washington.

The following resolution of thanks to the Masons and others of Oskaloosa was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby extended to the citizens of Oskaloosa, for kind and courteous treatment of the members of this Grand Lodge. Their open-handed hospitality will be gratefully remembered by us.

Our thanks are extended to the Kemble Floral Company for plants and flowers used in the decorations so tastefully arranged for our gratification.

To Oskaloosa Chapter No. 146, O. E. S. our thanks are extended, for their energetic efforts in providing for our wants, in supplying meals during our stay in Oskaloosa.

Our thanks are extended to the railroads of the state for reduced rates to members attending the Grand Lodge.

Our thanks are gratefully tendered to the members of the Masonic Lodge at Oskaloosa for their successful efforts to make our stay in Oskaloosa pleasant, and the present session of the Grand Lodge a success."

The 54th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, the brethern, most of them being enabled to take the evening trains for home.

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LODGE ACTION.

TROJAN LODGE, No. 548, A. F. and A. M., MARION, IOWA.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a special meeting of Trojan Lodge, No. 558, A. F. and A. M. of Marion Iowa, held on Monday evening, May 18th, 1897, the following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted by said lodge:

Whereas, certain malicious and false accusations have been published and circulated concerning our Worshipful Master, Rev. John W. Gieger, by persons actuated by malicious motives, and

Whereas, we have, by due investigation become entirely satisfied of his innocence, honor and integrity, and that said accusations are false and without any foundation whatever and that the same are not supported by any competent evidence, therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our entire confidence in the innocence of our Worshipful Master, Brother Geiger, and that he merits and is entitled to the brotherly friendship and sympathy of this lodge, and all Free Masons. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this lodge and copies of the same be transmitted to the craft throughout the state of Iowa.

P. M. PLUMB, S. W.
Acting Worshipful Master.

[ATTEST:]
HENRY STEARNS,
Secretary.

HIS CHURCH ACTS

REV. J. W. GEIGER SUSTAINED BY HIS CONGREGATION.

Resolutions Adopted Yesterday by the First Congregational Church of Marion —Fully Sustained the Pastor as Against the Charges of Davenport Association.

The following resolutions were adopted yesterday by the First Congregational church of Marion:

Your committee would most respectfully report that in pursuance of the order read by Rev. J. W. Geiger at a regular meeting of this church held on the 10th day of May, 1897, and the church in regular session on the 12th day of May, 1897, having fully ratified the said order and the manner of trial thereby provided and fully approved of and confirmed the appointment of the moderator therein named, we met in committee on the 7th day of June, 1897, at the hour of 1 p. m. in the church parlors.

Your committee have to report that no person having filed charges with us against Rev. J. W. Geiger as contemplated in said order, and he having insisted upon our taking up the charges preferred against him by the Davenport association of Congregational churches and ministers, we accordingly did so and herewith present a copy of said charges, which are as follows, towit:

"1. That the said J. W. Geiger did, on or about the 25th day of July, 1895, at Marion, Iowa, make improper and insulting advances and proposals to one, Mrs. E. D. Humphrey.

"2. That the said J. W. Geiger did, at Geneseo, Ill., on the occasion of his exchange of pulpits with Rev. W. A. Waterman, make improper and insulting remarks to one Mary W. Hazard, and made an improper assault upon her by force, kissing her and embracing her against her will.

"3. That the said J. W. Geiger did, at a meeting of the church at Marion, Iowa, in the fall of 1896, wilfully count as voters at said meeting persons who, under the constitution of said church had no right to vote at said meeting, knowing that said persons had no right as aforesaid to vote at said meeting.

"4. That the said J. W. Geiger did, at a meeting of said church at which he presided, held a short time after the meeting aforesaid, allow and assist said church to make unconstitutional changes in their by-laws, knowing the same to be unconstitutional.

That the said J. W. Geiger did, on or about the 27th day of April, 1897, without just cause or semblance of justification, commence an action at law against G. S. Rollins, a member of this committee, for damages for alleged conspiracy to injure said Geiger."

That in order to prove such charges your committee sought to secure by subpoena the persons, who were within the discipline of the church and who had made such charges, sending subpoenas by special delivery letters post to Deacons Geo. W. Toms and A. P. Leach, and to L. S. Jaquith and Mrs. E. D. Humphrey. That a subpoena was mailed to Deacon C. M. Scott but failed to reach him in time. These witnesses came not but defaulted and have not since made known any excuse for their non-appearance.

The accused brother here requested that the copy of the affidavit made by Mrs. E. D. Humphrey and received by the Davenport association be read and used by your committee as evidence, which was accordingly done.

Rev. J. W. Geiger was sworn and here given an opportunity to make defense to any and all charges made against him.

With reference to the charge of Mrs. E. D. Humphrey the answer of the accused was a complete denial; that upon the night of July 25, 1895, when he is accused of having insulted this woman upon the way home from a sociable at the parsonage, the sworn testimony of several reputable church members establishes the fact that he did not leave the parsonage that evening at all; that the insult which it is alleged occurred the following forenoon, could not have happened for the reason that the accused had left the city that morning on the 6:10 a. m. motor to take a 7:10 a. m. north bound train and did not return to Marion until late that night. These facts coupled with the conflicting stories told by this woman, evidence of which stories was introduced by the defense, led this committee and must have led each of the numerous persons who heard it to the conclusion that the charge is false, malicious and without any foundation and we would recommend that this be your finding through the adoption of this report.

With reference to the charge of Mary Hazard we have this to report, that were there anything in it, the four deacons who claimed to have been cognizant of "unministerial conduct" should have had her here and given your committee and this church a fair opportunity to question her as to the alleged insult, if any there was. The reputation of any man, and especially that of a minister, is too sacred to be destroyed by an unsupported affidavit furnished by a designing enemy. The published affidavit is distressingly weak and to any fair minded person must carry upon its face its own condemnation. No woman with so great a love for the "Master's cause" needs "police" "protection" from a man of Rev. Geiger's standing and ability and especially upon the public streets of his home city. To every high minded person who reads this woman's affidavit must come this question: If her story be true, why should she continue to entertain and receive a man so long

after he had so violently insulted her. The preceding charge and this one in order to be sustained must be established, according to Congregational law, by two witnesses or that which is fairly equivalent. The fact, as proven upon the hearing, that the women are intimate friends and that their stories were put forth together and long after the alleged insults, is of itself sufficient to cast upon them a just cause for suspicion. We would recommend in this charge the same finding as in the first.

The third and fourth charges were made at Davenport by the four deacons who have failed to appear and testify and as it is in the nature of a private grievance since they seem to have no further interest in the matter we see no reason why we should consider them. We would report in the matter, however, that the board of deacons nor the church ever decided to ask Rev. Geiger to resign; that no exception was ever taken at the times complained of as to the act of the moderator or of any person present and acting with the church; that the by-laws complained of and which gave to subscribers not communicants the right to vote upon certain questions, is an almost verbatim copy from Roy's well recognized Congregational manuel.

With reference to the charge of "bringing a suit against Rev. G. S. Rollins without cause" we would say that this committee is not so egotistical as to assume the jurisdiction of the civil courts. We know of no law or precedent that excuses one minister from civil liberty should he make false statements regarding the reputation and character of a fellow minister, nor of any law of Congregationalism that allows any church or association to pass upon such a question in advance of a civil trial.

We have a right to presume that Rev. Geiger laid such facts as he had before his attorneys before bringing suit and if they have mistaken the law it is their error and not his.

Rev. Geiger here took up his defense to the matters originating in the state of Pennsylvania. The copy of the charges furnished to Rev. Geiger by the Davenport association makes no allusion to these matters, yet we find from the copy of the testimony sent to this church by the association that these were received as testimony notwithstanding the long established usages and laws of Congregationalism were thereby violated and a fellow minister intentionally injured by the said association.

Rev. Geiger stated that but two rumors ever came to his knowledge that were starter in that state. That in the first case the rumor had been started by a man whom he had reprimanded and that the man after being cornered admitted its falsity. The affidavit of the father of the young woman was here produced and read and showed that the father had hunted down the matter and found it to have originated in malice and that it was absolutely false.

It will be remembered that among the letters from Pennsylvania were three that were said to have been written by Rev. Geiger to the woman whom he was said to have gotten into trouble and one to the woman in Philadelphia where the young woman was to go. At this point Rev. Geiger produced the affidavit of the woman to whom the three letters were said to have been written in which she states that there was once a rumor afloat at Compassville concerning herself and Rev. Geiger; that the rumor was false and malicous; that he never at any time wrote her any letter or letters, and that the claim that he did so is false and that all letters claimed to be so are forgeries. The affidavit of the other woman denies specifically that Rev. Geiger ever wrote her a letter of the kind and brands the same as a forgery and a malicious falsehood.

Rev. Geiger's statement was to the effect that this second case was a scheme of blackmail and that when he sought to see the letters in the hands of the doctor, that the fellow claimed that he had no such letters but said that the whole matter could be hushed up for a sum of money. That he continued preaching for about three months, when he ruptured a blood vessel in his left lung; that his physician told him that he could not live unless he went to a dry climate; that he came to Iowa and has never concealed his location and has repeatedly visited the same locality and that within a few months he returned to attend the funeral of his father. Here ended the taking of testimony.

The committee finds that the defense made to the matter originating in Pennsylvania is full, complete and satisfactory, and would recommend that this church so find by adopting this report.

We would further recommend that this church find Rev. Geiger innocent of all said charges of immorality or immoral conduct, and that it further find that the said charges are false, malicous and without foundation, and that it do so by adopting this report as a whole.

We tender our thanks to Rev. Geiger for his untirng efforts in aiding this committee in getting at the real facts involved.

We further desire to hereby express the sincere sympathy of this church to Rev. Geiger and to his family in this trying hour of trouble, and we would hereby assure him and them that they have our confidence and love and that our heartfelt prayers shall ascend to God that this cloud may be lifted from their hearts and for His richest blessings upon them.

J. N. NORTH,
S. A. McELWAIN,
JNO. T. CHRISTIE,
Members of Committee.

Unanimously adopted at a regular business meeting of the First Congregational church, held June 10, 1897.

JNO. T. CHRISTIE,
Moderator.

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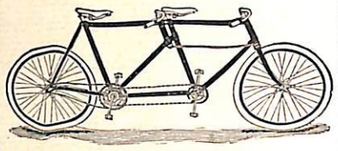

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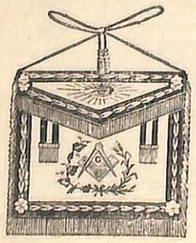

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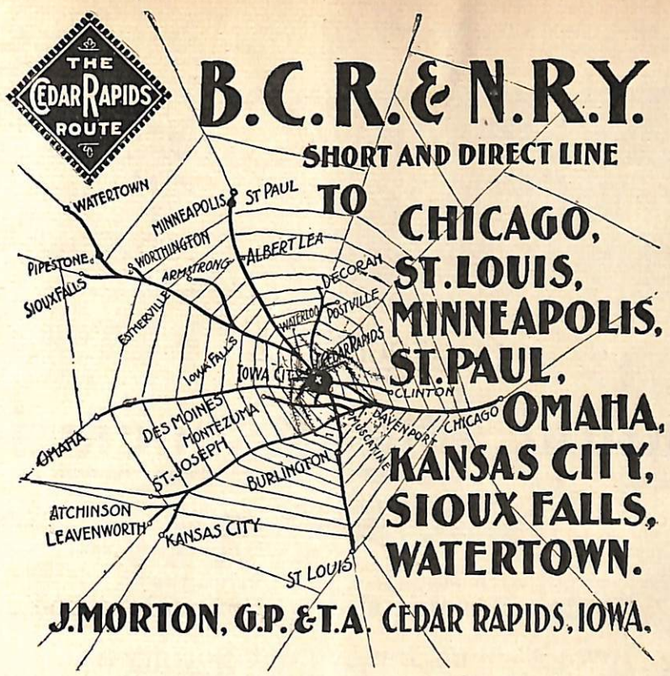

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